THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 31st August 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Chairman (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Before we proceed with the questions, Sir, I request you to grant us a day for discussing the food situation? "

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" After the questions are over, we shall consider that question."

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Utilization of the by-products of the Sugar Industry.

* 13 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the sugar industry has been drawn to the suggestions of the Indian Tariff Board regarding the exploitation of the by-products of the industry such as canetrash, bagasse, pressmud and molasses; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, the Government intend to take to ensure the proper utilization of these valuable by-products?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. Sri C. Perumalswami Reddi) :—" (*a*) The Report of the Indian Tariff Board on the continuance of protection to the Sugar Industry is a publication available for sale to the public and the sugar factories would have obtained copies of the Report for their use. It is therefore considered unnecessary to invite the attention of the factories specially to the recommendations of the Board.

" (*b*) The Report is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, that in view of the fact that the recommendations are likely to promote the industrial development of the Province, should not Government take initiative and ask the industries to take up the manufacture of those by-products? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is why, Sir, I said, the report is under consideration. Government have called for a report from the Director of Industries on the report of the Indian Tariff Board. Further three factories in the Province are already engaged in the manufacture of by-products out of canetrash, bagasse, pressmud and molasses; and more especially in the shape of making of power alcohol and of bagasse for fuel purposes to save coal. As I said, we have asked the Director of Industries to send his report on the suggestion of the Indian Tariff Board."

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are Government aware that these molasses are being improperly employed for the illicit manufacture of alcohol and a large quantity of it is being consumed in the Hospet area? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I think the Hospet factory is permitted to manufacture power alcohol out of molasses; it is quite possible that some quantity of molasses is being misused for illicit manufacture of alcohol, and perhaps when it is found out it will be prevented."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, Will Government take action to prevent the misuse of such molasses? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" If the misuse is against law, Government will take necessary action and all proper action will be taken to prevent misuse."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are Government sure that the manufacture of power alcohol has been taken up by any factory in this Province? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes; three factories have already taken it up."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there was any understanding arrived at by the Government with these factories in regard to the purchase of power alcohol when it is manufactured, and on that account, manufacture of power alcohol was delayed? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not know, Sir; I want notice."

Extension of service of the present Registrar of the Madras High Court.

* 14 Q.—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) who sanctions extension of service to superannuated Gazetted Officers serving in the Madras High Court;

(b) how many times the services of the present Registrar of the Madras High Court have been extended; and

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Government to give him another extension and if so, on what account?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) The Honourable the Chief Justice of the High Court, Madras.

" (b) No extension of service was granted to the present Registrar of the Madras High Court; he was retired from service on the 15th November 1948 and first re-employed for one year from that date and again for another year from the 15th November 1949.

" (c) In view of the answers to clauses (a) and (b) the question does not arise."